

THE OLD EBENEZER

AL-V-A-038

$\frac{1}{4}$  mile north of Route 40, Eckhart  
1842

The Old Ebenezer Church was the first Methodist Episcopal Church in Eckhart. The building was approximately 30 x 40 feet and was constructed of logs. It is one and a half stories high and three bays wide. Windows in the original church building were double hung wooden sash frames with three over one lights and cornices. The church was in use until 1866 when increased population due to the expanding coal industries, forces the congregation to build a second church.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old Ebenezer

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Route 40, MD Rt 638

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Floyd Wilt

Telephone #: 689-6920

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 2, Box 111

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland, 21532**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 162

Folio #: 596

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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# **7 DESCRIPTION**

## **CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## **CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## **CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Old Ebenezer" is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Route 40 off the Parkersburg Road in Eckhart, Maryland.

The building was constructed in 1842 as a Methodist Church, and displays the typical rectangular block 30 feet by 40 feet. It is one and a half stories tall and three bays wide. Walls are of frame construction with the use of weatherboarding, and are now covered with varying patterns of insul brick. The north, east and west sides of the structure are now abutted by a single story, continuously enclosed hipped roof porch. Windows in the porch area are all single wooden sash frames, including some with one, six and 13 lights. Windows on the original church block are double hung wooden sash frames with three over one lights and cornices. The original main entrance has been replaced, but the primary entrance is still on the north side. The gabled roof with replaced asphalt materials features a soffit. There is one gabled dormer on the west side of the roof. Just to the north of the dormer lies a corbeled brick chimney that was added much later than 1842. "Old Ebenezer" is built on a hill that slopes from east to west and lies on a high stone foundation on that west side.

The house is structurally sound and has been altered considerably. It is presently in fair condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1842

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"The Old Ebenezer Church" was the first Methodist Episcopal Church in Eckhart. Prior to the construction of the church, the Methodist congregation in Eckhart had worshipped in the mill building. As the congregation grew the mill became too small and in 1842 the congregation secured a second lot on which to build a new church. The building, known as the Old Ebenezer, was approximately 30 x 40 feet and was constructed of logs. It was in use until 1866 when an increased population due to the expanding coal industries forced the congregation to build a second church. Eventually the Old Ebenezer was purchased by the Board of School Commissioners and used as a school.

At present the building is no longer in use and as a result is beginning to deteriorate.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin &amp; Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

10/13/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-V-A-038DATE: 8/20/74

142/596

Less Than 1 acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: OLD EBENEZERLOCATION OF PROPERTY: 1/4 mile north of Route 40, EckhartDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTHNAME OF OWNER: MR. FLOYD WILT

689-6920

ADDRESS: RT. 2, Box 111

FROSTBURG

Frostburg MD. (Eckhart)

21532

1 1/2 STORIES: 1(☒) 2(☐) 3(☐) 4(☐) 5(☐) 6(☐) BAYS: 1(☐) 2(☐) 3(☒) 4(☐) 5(☐) 6(☐) 7(☐) (☐)

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

Now Insul Brick, Asphalt

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
(☐) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
(☐) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
(☐) LOG  
(☒) Other: Coverings Insul Brick

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PLAINFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: WONE PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☐) 2/2(☐) 6/6(☐) 9/6(☐) 9/9(☐) other(☒) 3/1 on original  
Cornice pegged(☐) nailed(☐) wide(☐) narrow(☐) mitred(☐) pediment(☐)

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original(☐) replaced(☒)  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)original(☐) replaced(☐) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # 1 Gable ArchitraveMATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original(☐) replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☐) hip(☒) gable(☐) 3 SIDES + EnclosedCHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE(☐) CORBELLED(☒) original(☐) replaced(☒)LOCATION: Flush end(☐) Inside end(☐) Outside end(☐) Central(☐) Interior(☐)ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

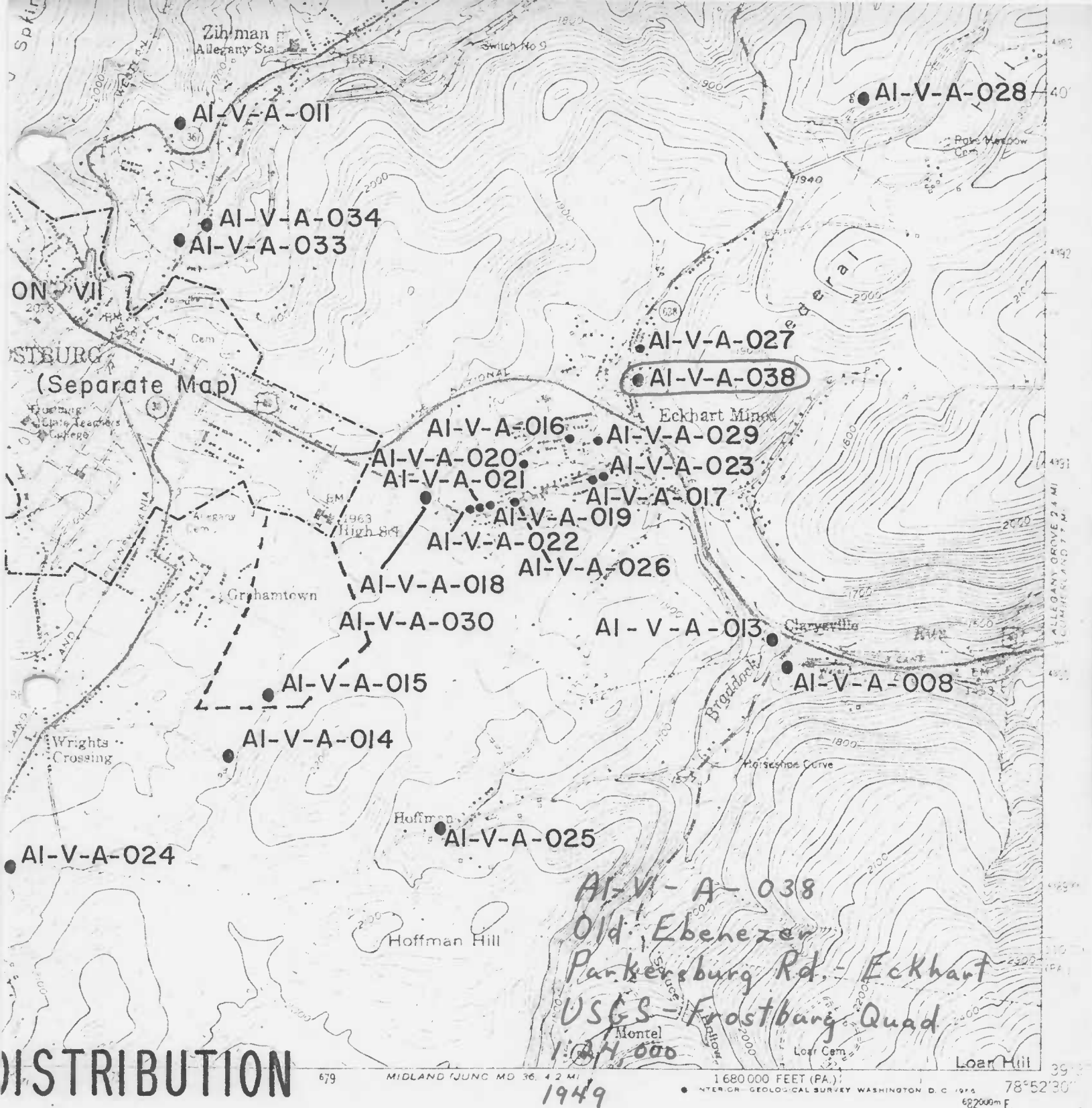
COMMENTS:

Use - Residence, School, Church

Significance - Arch Religion

Date Constructed - 1842

Condition - Fair







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1/4 mile north of Rt. 40, Eckhart

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WEST



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Old EBENEZER

1/4 mile north of Rt. 40, Eckhart

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South

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West